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# "I'm Having Fun" At The Leading Edge!

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## **I'm Having Fun**

- Iowa Fishing Reports  
DES MOINES IA - The weekly Iowa fishing reports 12/10/11 is gathered from local bait shops, angler creel surveys, and county and state parks staff. NORTHWEST IOWA FISHING REPORTS Clear Lake Ice thickness is 2 to 5 inches. Drill test holes if you venture out. Most of the area lakes are now frozen
- Seven Wolves Illegally Killed During the 2011 Wisconsin Deer Season  
MADISON WI - At least seven wolves appear to have been illegally killed during the recently completed Nov. 19-27 gun deer hunt, according to state wildlife officials. The shootings are being investigated. "It is unfortunate that some individuals have chosen to illegally kill these wolves. We un
- Pere Marquette Bald Eagle Programs  
GRAFTON IL - Enjoy watching bald eagles on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers near Pere Marquette State Park this winter by participating one of the park's popular Bald Eagle Watching tours. The site interpreter at Pere Marquette presents informative programs about bald eagles on select dates
- Darkhouse Spearfishing Opens Dec. 1  
BISMARCK ND - North Dakota's darkhouse spearfishing season opens on most state waters Dec. 1, with the exception of Spiritwood Lake which opens Jan. 1. Legal fish are northern pike and nongame species. Darkhouse spearing is allowed for all residents with a valid fishing license and for residents
- Motorists Encouraged To Watch For Bighorn Sheep In The Black Hills  
RAPID CITY SD - It's rare to see impressive big-game animals exhibiting annual rights-of-passage and aggressive instincts, but motorists near Cleghorn Springs Fish Hatchery and in the Hill City area are being asked to slow down for sparring bighorn sheep. "Many of our bighorn sheep come down

## **In Depth Fishing**

- Needin some direction...  
I usually do a couple trips up to Vermillion area each year to fish for a week or so as I live in the Rockies. The last couple years have not been as productive as we would have liked...could have just been the weather the weeks we went as mother nature as not nice at all. Where would you recomm
- Yar Craft sold to Bass Cat - press release  
December 12, 2011 Press release announcing sale of Yar Craft Boats to Bass Cat Boats parent corp. Yar Craft boat company acquired by Pierce family. December 8, 2011 the Pierce and Suthers families entered into an agreement for sale of Yar Craft to the Pierce family, of Bass Cat Boats.
- New Spear  
I like to just let them build natural patina from use instead of keeping them shiny but that's me.



Just check your barbs after spearing a fish and make sure they didn't fold in with that style barb.

- Best Fishing RainCoat

I have guidewear and it is great...but often it is simply too heavy or bulky feeling so I prefer to go with the cabelas goretex or any goretex shell jacket (I have Cabelas since it was only 99 on sale) that can store easily in a tiny stuff sack but keeps me completely dry when I need it. Also easy

- HOW?

Take the slush from augered holes or make some slush with your auger. I have used cardboard. It doesn't hold up that well, it gets wet and falls apart. I don't like as it freezes down to easy and your left with a mess. I have seen a few guys make skirts around the bottom of their shacks with canvas al

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## In Depth Hunting

- opinion needed

I haven't had it officially scored after it dried (still at the taxidermists) Gross green it was 193 3/8. It would have been over 200 but the brow tine on one side is broken completely off. The browtine that was left is about 6 3/4" so that is close to 13 inches taken off of the gross if the br

- .40 cal ammo

Another vote for the UMC. I buy the 250rd brick at walmart.

- Poached deer - Houston, MN

If on FB type in dragon creek ranch to look at some racks. we drive thru it to get to the deer shack in ND. high fence operation.

- Deer Cams

We bought 2 wildgame innovations 6mp micro red cameras. Have had them out since rifle season started and no problems even in the really cold days we had. Takes great pictures and video and battery life is good. Bought them for about 80\$ each but you can get the 4 or 2 mp models for less. Here is a l

- When to scout a new place to deer hunt?

I would say right now find out what they do this time of year as it's not that far behind the hunting season we just had. then follow thru the rest of the year but I don't make it a habit of entering the new area too much or I try to make it very short times in the area.

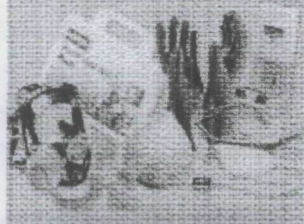




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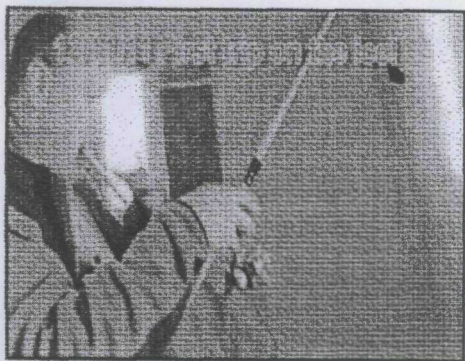
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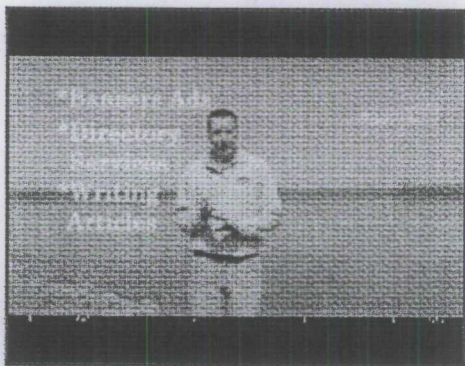
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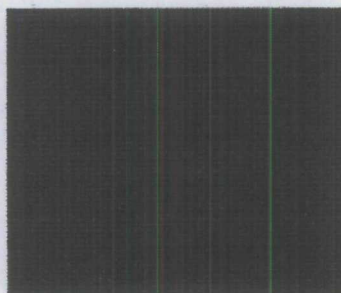
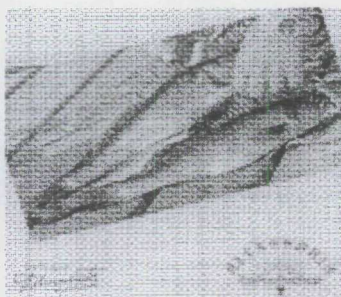


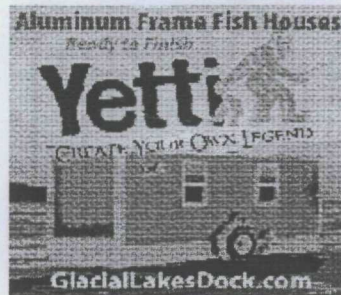
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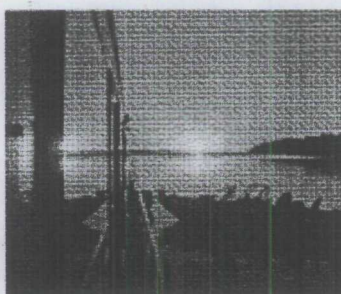
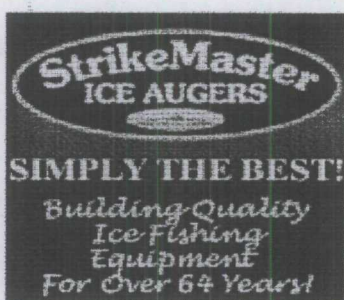
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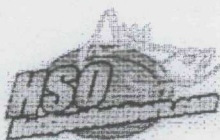


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January 28, 2010

#### Mississippi River Pool 10

Lynxville boat ramp has become locked in ice limiting access to tail water fishing. Ice is 8 inches or more in most places but anglers should still use caution in crossing areas with potential current.

Northern Pike - Good: Anglers have reported fair catches of northern pike using tip ups near the spillway in the Harpers Ferry area. Pike are still being taken out of Bussey Lake near Guttenberg but action has slowed a bit.

Bluegill - Good: Anglers in the Harpers Ferry area report good catches of bluegills and some crappie below the spillway and in Joyce lake. Mixed reports from Bussey Lake but some nice sized bluegills and crappie still being caught. Mixed reports are also coming from Sny Magill area where anglers are fishing Norwegian and Ice lake across from the ramp with fair catches.

Largemouth Bass - Slow: Anglers have reported a few catches of largemouth bass near the spillway in the Harpers Ferry area. The action has been hit or miss.

Crappie - Good: Anglers in the Harpers Ferry area report good catches of bluegills and some nice catches of crappie below the spillway and in Joyce lake. Some nice catches of crappie have been reported from Bussey lake and from Norwegian in the Sny Magill area but action can be hit or miss.

Yellow Perch - Good: Several nice yellow perch have been reported out of Bussey Lake in Lower Pool 10. Most folks fishing with a jig and wax worms.

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Jim Martin  
Bagley Report

#### Mississippi River Pool 11

Both the Guttenberg city ramp and the DNR boat ramp are locked in ice. Warmer weather forecast may change this but there is a lot of ice to get rid of before ramps will open up.

Ice fishing is generally slow but a few anglers still reporting brief periods of good action. Many anglers are frustrated as they are seeing many fish on their cameras but catching them has proven difficult.

Northern Pike - Slow: Angers with camera's report seeing a few northern pike in the Marina and at Sunfish Lake but no one is really targeting them with tip ups.

Bluegill - Slow: Fishing in Marina is slow with a few bluegill and small yellow perch being caught. Some larger bluegill are being caught in Zollicoffers lake.

Crappie - Fair: Scattered reports of a few crappies being caught in Zollicoffers Lake and Sunfish Lake. Small white or green tube jigs baited with wax worms seem to be the best bait.

Yellow Perch - Fair: Some 8-inch yellow perch are being reported in Lower Pool 11 at Sunfish Lake. A few smaller perch are also being caught in the Marina at Mud Lake. Perch schools seen on camera but hard to catch.

Sauger - Good: The DNR ramp at Guttenberg is locked in ice. The only access to tail water fishing is by airboat. Those that have fished have caught some small sauger.

Solid ice for fishing remains with most areas having 8 inches or more of ice but forecasts for warmer weather could weaken ice especially around shorelines and any areas of flowing water. The ramps at Lynxville and the city ramp in Guttenberg are locked in ice.

#### Mississippi River Pool 12

Backwater ice conditions are good with 10 to 12 inches at most lakes. Ice conditions in areas of flowing water will be considerably less and travel on them is not recommended. River stage in Dubuque is stable at 8.25 feet. Anglers in Pool 12 should keep an eye out for radio tagged crappie. The DNR has externally radio tagged 200 crappies in Pool 12 and will be tracking them over the course of the next year. Tags are attached to the dorsal spines and we ask that you release any tagged fish.

Bluegill - Fair: Anglers are sorting through a lot of small fish and the bite has been slower this past week. Fish are biting in Kehough Slough, and Tippy, Stone, Fishtrap, and O'Learys lakes.

Crappie - Fair: Crappie fishing has been day to day. Best fishing has been in Tippy Lake. Jigging spoons, soft plastics on jigs, or minnows have been producing best.

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